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My dear Gray

Whilst working up Spruce's  
Brazilian and Champion's Hong Kong  
plants I have been also laying in  
Wright's & other American ones  
but as I have only got as yet as  
far as Malpighiaceae (in my  
arrangement which is nearly de Boodle's)  
I have not much to say about  
the list you kindly sent me - and  
for which I have many thanks to  
give as it enables me at once to  
name all my Wrightian plants -  
The *Kraneria parvifolia* appears  
quite identical with Hooker's Californian  
plant - although my specimen of the  
latter may be rather more hairy  
I quite agree with what you say  
about *Polygala repens* - why

specimen of *Sida sagittifolia* has  
no point any more than Hooker's  
I have no clue to *Cochlosoma rotu-*  
*pilolobus* Link but the memorandum  
on Nuttallworth's label of the true  
*C. obliquum* from Florida - It is however  
the only species I have which agrees  
with Link's character accepted by  
de Candolle - I have the true *C.*  
*obliquum* from Jamaica and other  
W. Indian Islands and from Yucatan  
(sent by Torrey)

Mr Beutham wrote last  
week to Mr Gray and is rather  
anxious for an answer about  
what is the best way to send  
very small parcels to Canada  
but still rather too big to send  
by post - Do you know whether  
the steamboats take them for a  
moderate charge - and how do they  
get on afterwards? - perhaps after  
all the post is the best way when  
they only weigh two or three

ounces  
I am very sorry to hear that  
Lady & Miss Hooker are both confined  
with cold - this splendid weather  
ought to drive them away.

How is Mr Gray's health?  
I hope she has gone through  
our damp winter better than  
she expected - I am very much  
disappointed at losing the prospect  
of spending a few weeks with  
you in London before you go  
abroad - but we cannot leave  
home before Easter - so I must  
work hard - I hope to be at  
Lequimiora in a fortnight and  
shall then work up Wright's

Yours very sincerely

George Beutham